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General Richard B. Myers to Accept 2013 Harry S. Truman Legacy of Leadership Award on April 11

*Award to be presented at **Wild About Harry!**, annual benefit for the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum*

FEBRUARY 12, 2013 (Independence, MO) - The Harry S. Truman Library Institute will host its annual fundraising dinner, *Wild About Harry!*, on Thursday, April 11 at the Muehlebach Tower-Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Sponsorship packages start at just $1,000; individual event tickets cost $150 and go on sale February 26.

Led by Honorary Chairs Morton Sosland and Neil Sosland, and by Event Chairs Karen and Steven Pack, the 14th annual benefit for the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum will offer guests two events in one.

First, TIME Magazine editors Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy, co-authors of *The New York Times* best-seller, *The Presidents Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity*, will offer an enlightening and entertaining perspective on our nation's most powerful citizens: ex-presidents. Presidential historian Richard Norton Smith praises Duffy and Gibbs for giving us an "intimate, revealing and poignant account.... [You] are in for some major surprises."

Following the dinner program, the evening will come to a powerful conclusion when President Truman's grandson, Clifton Truman Daniel, presents the fourth annual Harry S. Truman Legacy of Leadership Award to General Richard B. Myers.

As the 15th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Myers served as principal military adviser to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council, and was instrumental in guiding the U.S. strategy for the War on Terror.

A Shawnee Mission North graduate and proud class of '65 Kansas State Wildcat, General Myers has held command positions at every level, including Commander of U.S. Space Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Forces Japan, and two fighter wings. His legacy can be felt throughout the U.S. Armed Forces and throughout the world.

Now a Kansas City tradition, *Wild About Harry!* is known for bringing our nation's thought and opinion leaders to the site that once served as President Truman's political headquarters. Featured guests have included presidential family members, legendary journalist Tom Brokaw, award-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin, and former Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates.

More than 640 people attended *Wild About Harry!* last year. Proceeds provide vital funding for the nationally acclaimed educational programs, world-class museum exhibitions, internationally renowned research programs, and stimulating forums at the Truman Library. Since the inaugural fundraiser in 2000, the annual benefit has raised more than $3.5 million.

This year's event is made possible, in part, by generous underwriting support from Inergy/Marny and John Sherman. Additional support is provided by James B. Nutter & Company, Karen and Steven Pack, J.B. Reynolds Foundation and The Sosland Foundation.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities and benefits, or to inquire about individual tickets, visit TrumanLibrary.org or contact Kim Rausch at (816) 268-8237.

The Truman Library Institute is the 501(c)(3) nonprofit partner of the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, one of 13 presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. Hailed as home to America's "best presidential museum," the Truman Library seeks to promote, through educational and community programs, a greater appreciation and understanding of American politics, history and culture, the process of governance, and the importance of public service, as exemplified by Harry S. Truman. To learn more about the Truman Library and the Truman Library Institute, visit TrumanLibrary.org.

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